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1. Second Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Second PTO Form-1449 with 4 references cited; and
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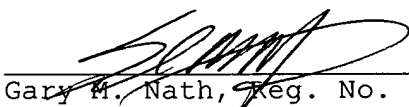
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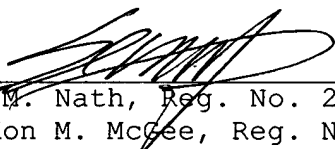
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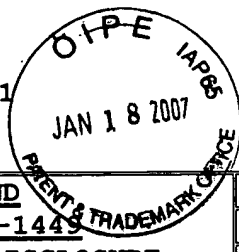
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